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ENGLAND AND IRELAND:
TOGETHER WITH
PORTIONS OF THE PSALMS,
AND
A FEW OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.



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P R E F A C E.

THE Manual of Devotion here offered to the Public is chiefly the reprint of "A Collection of Private and Family Prayers, taken from the Liturgy of the Church of England," by the learned and exemplary Rector of Trinity Church, New York,* In a Preface to that work it is observed, "This Compilation was found more difficult and laborious than might be supposed from the manner in which it is executed; but although it does not fully equal the hopes and wishes of the Compiler, yet he thinks that it must be useful and acceptable to all who admire the elegant simplicity, the reverential fervour, the noble elevation of our venerable Ritual, and who have been warmed and animated by the evangelical spirit which pervades it."

The truth of the first part of these remarks will readily be discovered by whoever should attempt a similar labour; and for any alterations and emendations of a work so admirably designed, a wish to carry farther into effect the intention of a highly esteemed friend must be the editor's chief apology.

Of the materials derived from our Book of Common Prayer, it is needless to say more: all who are Church-

* The Rev. William Berrian, D. D.

men in anything but the name, will be ready to acknowledge that there is a concentration of pious desire and of chastised fervour in these formularies, closely allied to genuine inspiration. They are like "wine on the lees well refined;" and, however excellent and pious a variety of modern compositions, "no man having drank old wine straightway desireth new, for he saith the old is better." It is in this persuasion, strengthened by daily use of the original compilation for many years, that the same materials, somewhat differing in arrangement, were offered, in 1835, to the European inhabitants of Ceylon, and the first edition being expended, advantage is taken by the Editor of his return to England to put forth a second with very few alterations.

A few Occasional Prayers are subjoined. In some of them the language of our Offices will easily be recognized: the others are chiefly adapted from Bishop J  r  my Taylor.

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FAMILY

AND

PRIVATE PRAYERS.

THE Master, having called his Household together, may begin Family Worship by reading such a portion of Holy Scripture, as shall be convenient.

The Psalms, being ascriptions of praise, should be repeated standing; and it will be better if they are recited by the Master and his Family in alternate verses, as in the Public Service of our Church. The Gloria Patri, at the end of each Psalm, should by all means be so repeated; and the Lord's Prayer, as well as the Amen at the conclusion of each Collect, ought to be repeated audibly by all present.

SUNDAY MORNING.

This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

PSALM 84.

O How amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts.

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to

enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways,

6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.

7 They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob.

9 Behold, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

10 For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.

11 I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God: than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12 For the Lord God is a light and

defence; the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

13 O Lord God of hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, that thou vouchsafest to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and faith in thy Gospel; to receive us for thine own children by adoption, and to make us heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. But chiefly are we bound on this day to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. And as we do most heartily and devoutly adore thy name for this thine infi-

nite goodness already vouchsafed to us, so do we most humbly beseech thee to continue thy grace and favour towards us, by disposing us to make a right use and improvement of all thy mercies; that we may not only worthily esteem them in our hearts, but show forth a due sense of them in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ETERNAL God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands; but who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence wherever two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy name; regard, O Lord, our supplications this day in thy Holy Church, and accept our imperfect services. Let thy Spirit be with us in the performance of all our duties; in confession of sin, to affect our hearts with godly sorrow; in prayer, to quicken our devotion; in praises, to heighten our gratitude and love. Grant that our minds may be entirely raised from the thoughts of this world to the consideration

of the next; and that we may join in the worship of thy Church with such steadfastness of faith, with such seriousness, affection, and devotion of mind, that thou mayest accept our bounden duty and service; and vouchsafe to give whatever in thine infinite wisdom thou shalt see to be most expedient for us. Bless to us also the reading and preaching of thy word, and sow in our hearts the seed of eternal life; that whatsoever in the Holy Scriptures we shall profitably learn, we may indeed fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; that at thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy Holy Church; that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee. Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy Holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense : and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

PSALM 92.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord ; and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most Highest ;

2 To tell of thy loving kindness early in the morning : and of thy truth in the night-season ;

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and

upon the lute : upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

4 For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works : and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

5 O Lord, how glorious are thy works : thy thoughts are very deep.

6 An unwise man doth not well consider this : and a fool doth not understand it.

7 When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish : then shall they be destroyed for ever ; but thou, Lord, art the Most Highest for evermore.

8 For lo, thine enemies, O Lord, lo, thine enemies shall perish : and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.

9 But mine horn shall be exalted like the horn of an unicorn : for I am anointed with fresh oil.

10 Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies : and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that arise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree : and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

12 Such as are planted in the house of the Lord : shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.

13 They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age: and shall be fat and well-liking.

14 That they may shew how true the Lord my strength is: and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of a holy and religious life, to the honor and praise of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way

of righteousness ; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same. Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word ; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, giver of all good things, who by thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers orders of Ministers in thy Church ; Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace ; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant that the pastors of thy flock being endued with excellent gifts, and diligently preaching thy Holy Word, we, thy people, may in an honest and good heart re-

ceive it, and steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking ; We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities ; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's Name ; We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made this day our prayers and supplications unto thee ; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

*I laid me down and slept, and rose up again :
for the Lord sustained me.*

PSALM 65.

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion : and
unto thee shall the vow be performed in
Jerusalem.

2 Thou that hearest the prayer : unto thee
shall all flesh come.

3 My misdeeds prevail against me : O be
thou merciful unto our sins.

4 Blessed is the man, whom thou choosest,
and receivest unto thee : he shall dwell in
thy court, and shall be satisfied with the
pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy
temple.

5 Thou shalt show us wonderful things
in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation ;
thou that art the hope of all the ends of
the earth, and of them that remain in the
broad sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth fast the
mountains ; and is girded about with power.

7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea : and

the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens : thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : thou makest it very plenteous.

10 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : and thy clouds drop fatness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost :

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day ; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power ; and grant that this day we fall into

no sin, neither run into any kind of danger ; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AND since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives, we offer and present ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee ; humbly beseeching thee to accept this our unfeigned, though unworthy oblation of ourselves, promising all holy obedience in thought, word, and work, unto thy Divine Majesty, and praying thee to give us grace to bring our holy resolutions to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid ; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name : Deliver us from all inordinate and

sinful affections : Mortify all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens ; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell. And since according to his most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down to teach the hearts of thy faithful people, and to lead them into all truth ; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort ; through the merits of Christ Jesus, our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity ; and that we may obtain that which

thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord : and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

PSALM 1.

BLESSED is the man, that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side : that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

4 His leaf also shall not wither : and look whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them : but they are like the chaff, which

the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment : neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost :

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve ; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy ; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid ; and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O GRACIOUS Father, we confess it to be of thy mercy alone that we are

not consumed; for our sins have cried to heaven, and justly provoked thy wrath and indignation against us. Grant, O Lord, that the consideration of this thy repeated goodness, may work in us true repentance, and increase in us more and more, a lively faith and love, fruitful in all holy obedience: that we, ever trusting in thy mercy, protected by thy power, and crowned with thy continual and gracious favour, may walk before thee in holiness, peace, and joy, on earth; and after death obtain everlasting life and joy in the kingdom of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; We humbly beseech thee, that, as by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; and so faithfully serve thee in this life.

that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD our heavenly Father, by whose almighty power we have been created and preserved, and by whose infinite mercy we have been called to the knowledge of our Saviour, and redeemed from sin and eternal death; for these unspeakable benefits and the daily bounties of thy Providence, we give thee continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to thy holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve thee in true holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

UNTO thy gracious protection, O God, we commit ourselves, and all who are near and dear to us, both this night and ever. Let no casualty, nor any act of wickedness and violence hurt us: Let no disquieting thoughts disturb our repose. But grant, that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. And when we rise may we be duly sensible

of thy merciful Providence towards us, and ever express our thankfulness by a holy trust in thee, and obedience to thy laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.



TUESDAY MORNING.

The salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord: who is also their strength in the time of trouble.

PSALM 146.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul; while I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

2 O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man: for there is no help in them.

3 For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth: and then all his thoughts perish.

4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that therein is: who keepeth his
promise for ever;

6 Who helpeth them to right that suffer
wrong: who feedeth the hungry.

7 The Lord looseth men out of prison:
the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

8 The Lord helpeth them that are fallen:
the Lord careth for the righteous.

9 The Lord careth for the strangers; he
defendeth the fatherless and widow: as for
the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside
down.

10 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be
King for evermore: and throughout all
generations.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

O Most blessed and glorious Lord God,
who art of infinite goodness and mercy;
We thy unworthy servants, whom thou hast

made and preserved, holding our souls in life, and rescuing us from innumerable dangers and troubles, humbly present ourselves before thy Divine Majesty to offer unto thee the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. We bless thee for protecting us through the past night, and renewing thy mercies to us every morning. We bless thee for keeping us in health, and continuing to us all our comforts and enjoyments. Grant, that we, receiving thy bountiful liberality, may not wholly seek our own indulgence in it; but also use the same to thy glory, and the relief of those that are needy; for his sake who went about doing good, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD, by whose holy inspiration we think those things that be good, and by whose merciful guiding we perform the same; Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, and to mortify all our evil and corrupt affections; that being neither hindered by our carnal views nor our sinful passions from obeying thy godly motions, we may always serve

thee in pureness of living and truth, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life; Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that being established in the belief of his Gospel, walking diligently in his commandments, and following the steps of his most blessed life, we may plenteously bring forth the fruit of good works, and of thee be plenteously rewarded, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name. Mercifully look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles

we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

PSALM 8.

O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world: thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies: that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers: the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him : and the Son of man, that thou visitest him.

5 Thou madest him lower than the angels : to crown him with glory and worship.

6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands : and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet ;

7 All sheep and oxen : yea, and the beasts of the field ;

8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea : and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord our Governor : how excellent is thy Name in all the world !

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe thy holy Gospel, have mercy upon us, most merciful

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Father, and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils, which we most righteously have deserved. Grant unto us pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments ; that through thy most mighty protection, we may be preserved in body and soul. Let thy fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over us ; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with us ; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that in the end we may obtain everlasting life ; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

AND in order that we may more seriously apply our hearts unto wisdom, teach us, O Lord, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is. Grant that neither the ambition of any thing great, nor the

conceit of any thing good in us, may withdraw our eyes from looking upon ourselves as sinful dust and ashes; but that we may press forward towards the prize of the high calling that is before us, with faith and patience, humility and meekness, mortification and self-denial, charity and constant perseverance unto the end; that so, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope, in favour with thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; That they, who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AL MIGHTY God, who hast safely brought us to the close of another day; We give thee humble and hearty thanks for this repeated mercy of thy providence, and for all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Continue, we beseech thee, thy goodness and loving kindness to us: and since we are not able of ourselves to help ourselves, defend us, O Lord, this night from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM 34.

I WILL alway give thanks unto the Lord :
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify his name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened : and their faces were not ashamed.

6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.

8 O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints : for they that fear him lack nothing.

10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger ;
but they who seek the Lord shall want no
manner of thing that is good.

11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto
me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 What man is he that lusteth to live :
and would fain see good days ?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy
lips, that they speak no guile.

14 Eschew evil, and do good : seek peace,
and ensue it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are over the
righteous : and his ears are open unto their
prayers.

16 The countenance of the Lord is against
them that do evil ; to root out the remem-
brance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hear-
eth them : and delivereth them out of all
their troubles.

18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are
of a contrite heart : and will save such as be
of an humble spirit.

19 Great are the troubles of the righteous :
but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.

21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Let us pray.

O Most merciful God, who according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of them that truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more; open thine eye of mercy upon us thy servants, who most earnestly desire pardon and forgiveness, that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ his sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O GOD, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety ; We bless thy name, that thou hast been pleased to preserve us to another day. Gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May our hearts be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness towards us, in the innumerable blessings of this life; and of thine inestimable love, in the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ ; that we may devote the residue of our days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee ; Mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers,

that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations. We lean only on the hope of thy heavenly grace; our whole trust and confidence is in thy mercy; favourably, then, hear the prayers of thy servants, and evermore defend us by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life. Mercifully grant that we may imitate the example of his courage and constancy, his lowliness and humility, his meekness and patience, and great charity: and also be made like unto him, in his eternal and glorious kingdom, where, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth

and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: and whose hope is in the Lord his God.

PSALM 121.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all

evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have

mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed. Enter not into judgment with thy servants, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give

thee most humble and hearty thanks, for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

LIGHTEN our darkness we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous : for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

PSALM 145.

I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King :
and I will praise thy Name for ever and
ever.

2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee :
and praise thy name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous,
worthy to be praised : there is no end of his
greatness.

4 One generation shall praise thy works
unto another : and declare thy power.

5 As for me, I will be talking of thy wor-
ship : thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous
works ;

6 So that men shall speak of the might of
thy marvellous acts : and I will also tell of
thy greatness.

7 The memorial of thine abundant kind-
ness shall be shewed : and men shall sing of
thy righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious, and merciful :
long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 The Lord is loving unto every man : and his mercy is over all his works.

10 All thy works praise thee, O Lord : and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

11 They shew the glory of thy kingdom : and talk of thy power ;

12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom : might be known unto men.

13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom : and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

14 The Lord upholdeth all such as fall : and lifteth up all those that are down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord : and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand : and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways : and holy in all his works.

18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him : yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that

fear him : he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him : but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord : and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast created us by thy power, preserved us by thy mercy, and, of thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to us thine only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life ; we render unto thee most hearty thanks for these great and inestimable benefits, and for the daily and multiplied instances of thy loving kindness to us : And we beseech thee, give us such a

lively and lasting sense of what thou hast done for us, that we may not grow secure and careless in our obedience, by presuming upon thy great and undeserved goodness; but that it may lead us to unfeigned repentance, and move us to be the more diligent and zealous in all the duties of our Religion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed. Help us to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God. Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

AND seeing that of thy great mercy we have passed the night in rest and quietness, grant, O Heavenly Father, that we may devote this day, and every other which thou shalt yet allow us, wholly to thy service, so that all our thoughts, words, and deeds, may redound to the glory of thy great Name. Let thy mighty hand and outstretched arm be still our defence, thy mercy and loving kindness in Jesus Christ our salvation, thy grace and Holy Spirit our support and consolation, while we remain on earth ; and finally bring us to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help ; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

*He that planted the ear, shall He not hear :
or He that made the eye, shall He not see ?
He that teacheth man knowledge, shall not He
punish ?*

PSALM 139.

O LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me: thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed: and spiest out all my ways.

3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue: but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

4 Thou hast fashioned me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it.

6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit: or whither shall I go then from thy presence ?

7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there: if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning: and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me :
and thy right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness
shall cover me: then shall my night be
turned to day.

11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with
thee, but the night is as clear as the day: the
darkness and light to thee are both alike.

23 Try me, O God, and seek the ground
of my heart: prove me, and examine my
thoughts.

24 Look well if there be any way of wick-
edness in me: and lead me in the way ever-
lasting.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art
the author of all godliness; we beseech
thee to hear the devout prayers of thy ser-
vants; and grant that those things which we
ask faithfully we may obtain effectually;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people, pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions: And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY Father, by whose great mercy we have been kept through another day in health and safety, and blessed with our usual comforts and enjoyments, we

praise and magnify thy glorious Name. And we humbly pray, that the devout sense of this thy repeated mercy may renew, and increase in us, a spirit of love and thankfulness to thee its only Author. Continue thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and make thy spiritual blessings more abundant than thy temporal; that we, obeying thy will, and alway living in safety under thy protection, may abide in thy love and favour unto our lives end; and, after death, obtain everlasting glory in the kingdom of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

*Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him:
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their
King.*

PSALM 103.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

2 Praise the Lord, O my soul : and forget not all his benefits ;

3 Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine infirmities ;

4 Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness ;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things : making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment : for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

7 He shewed his ways unto Moses : his works unto the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long suffering, and of great goodness.

9 He will not alway be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

12 Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.

13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth whereof we are made : he remembereth that we are but dust.

15 The days of man are but as grass : for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone : and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him : and his righteousness upon children's children ;

18 Even upon such as keep his covenant : and think upon his commandments to do them.

19 The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven : and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

21 O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts : ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion : praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

MOST gracious God, the Author and Giver of all good things, we yield thee unfeigned thanks and praise for thy great and manifold mercies to us. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. In the days of childhood and youth, in the midst of weakness, blindness, and danger, thou hast protected us ; amidst afflictions of mind and body [and estate,] thou hast sup-

ported us ; and amidst vanity and wickedness thou hast spared us. Grant us so to acknowledge thy goodness, and so to remember thy gifts, that every day which thou shalt yet allow us may be employed in the amendment of our lives, and in the diligent discharge of all our duties ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, from whom all good things do come ; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same ; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men ; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise ; that so among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found. Give us grace to mortify all worldly and carnal lusts, to cast away the works of darkness,

and to walk before thee in pureness of living and truth : And, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation. Look, we beseech thee, O Lord, upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies ; that by thy great goodness we may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul ; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

LORD, we pray thee, that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually be given to all good works. And seeing that we put not our trust in anything that we do, mercifully grant, that, by thy power, we may be defended against all adversity ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the king of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ

with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven ; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless ; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.
Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Preserve me, O God : for in thee have I put my trust.

PSALM 23.

THE Lord is my Shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley

of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil :
for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff
comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me
against them that trouble me : thou hast
anointed my head with oil, and my cup
shall be full.

6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life : and
I will dwell in the house of the Lord for
ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost :

As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee favourably to
hear the prayers of thy people ; that we,
who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to
be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may
mercifully be relieved. Deal not with us
after our sins, neither reward us after our
iniquities. Spare us, and let us not be
brought to confusion. Lift up the light
of thy countenance upon us, and give us

peace ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom ; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries ; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy ; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy ; that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal : Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may be preserved in all godly quietness ; and through thy protection,

being free from all adversities, may devoutly serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen VICTORIA, and all the Royal Family; Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Let truth and justice, brotherly kindness and charity, devotion and piety, concord and unity, with all other virtues, so flourish among us, that they may be the stability of our times, and make this Church a praise in the whole earth. All which we humbly beg for the

sake of our blessed Lord and a viour.
Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whose hands are life and death, by whose will all things were created, and by whose Providence they are sustained; we return thee thanks that thou hast given us life, and that thou hast continued it to this time; that thou hast hitherto forborne to snatch us away in the midst of sin and folly, and hast permitted us still to enjoy the means of grace, and vouchsafed to call us yet again to repentance. Grant, O merciful Lord, that thy call may not be vain, and that our life may not be continued to increase our guilt. May we remember, O God, that as days and years pass over us, we approach nearer to the grave; and grant that we may always live in such a state that we may never be afraid to die, so that we may walk in safety and sleep in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name : worship the Lord with holy worship.

PSALM 115.

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise : for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore shall the heathen say : Where is now their God ?

3 As for our God, he is in heaven : he hath done whatsoever pleased him.

4 Their idols are silver and gold : even the work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, and speak not : eyes have they, and see not.

6 They have ears, and hear not : noses have they, and smell not.

7 They have hands, and handle not ; feet have they, and walk not : neither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them are like unto them : and so are all such as put their trust in them.

9 But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord : he is their succour and defence.

10 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord : he is their helper and defender.

11 Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord : he is their helper and defender.

12 The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us : even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.

13 He shall bless them that fear the Lord : both small and great.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost :

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God and Heavenly Father, who of thine infinite goodness hast given us life, protected us in dangers, and crowned us with mercy and loving kindness ; we praise and magnify thy holy name for these unspeakable mercies. But above all, we give thee most humble and hearty thanks

for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, who did humble himself, even to the death upon the cross, for us miserable sinners, that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in thy holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beseech thee, that having this hope we may purify

ourselves, even as he is pure ; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom ; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth ; Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this, for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O LORD God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostles with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost ; Leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thy honour and glory ; but daily increase in us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness ; and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now

and for ever ; that we running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us ; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving : and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

PSALM 111.

I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart ; secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great : sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work is worthy to be praised, and had in honour : and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works : that they ought to be had in remembrance.

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him : he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works : that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment : all his commandments are true.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever : and are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption unto his people : he hath commanded his covenant for ever ; holy and reverend is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom : a good understanding have all they that do thereafter ; the praise of it endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

O God, whose nature and property is
ever to have mercy and to forgive,
receive our humble petitions ; and though
we be tied and bound with the chain of
our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy
great mercy loose us ; for the honour of
Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so
shall we be turned. Grant us true re-
pentance ; forgive us all our sins, negli-
gences, and ignorances ; and endue us with
the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our
lives according to thy holy Word ; that truly
serving thee in holiness and righteousness
all our days, we may come at last to thy
eternal joy ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth ; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us. And, because we cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve us evermore by thy help and goodness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who didst at first appoint the sacred rest of the Sabbath as a sign, between thee and us, of thy goodness in the creation of the world, and afterwards as a memorial of the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord ; prepare our hearts so to use these days of rest and of public worship, that our prayers and praises may be acceptable in thy sight. Give us grace to serve thee with reverence and godly fear ; affect us with an awful apprehension of thy Divine Majesty, and a deep sense of our unworthiness ; that so approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before thee with grateful hearts, and minds sanctified, we may at length be found worthy of a part in

thy eternal rest, and in the continual hymns of angels and blessed spirits in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MOST merciful Father, we beseech thee to send upon the ministering servants of the sanctuary thy heavenly blessing, that they may be clothed with righteousness; and that thy Word, spoken by their mouths, may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of thy most holy Word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory and the increase of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, by whose will we were created, and by whose providence we are sustained; by whose mercy we have been called to the knowledge of our Redeemer, and by whose grace whatever good we have thought or done has been inspired and

directed ; Help us to review our past lives with a spirit of thankfulness and submission, that in affliction we may remember how often we have been succoured, and in prosperity may know and confess from whose hand the blessing is received. Enable us to improve the time which thou shalt yet allow us, that we may daily become purer in thy sight ; and, as we draw nearer and nearer to the grave, strengthen our faith, enliven our hope, increase our charity, and perfect our repentance ; and so help us by thy Holy Spirit, that when it shall be thy pleasure to call us hence, we may be received to everlasting happiness, for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

Before the Communion.

GRANT, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that so many of us as mind to come to the Holy Communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Christ, may have grace, diligently to try and examine ourselves, before we presume to eat of that Bread, and to drink of that Cup ; that with a true penitent heart and lively faith, receiving that Holy Sacrament, we may indeed spiritually eat the Flesh of Christ and drink his Blood ; may dwell in Christ and Christ in us ; may be one with Christ and Christ with us. Preserve us from the guilt and danger of receiving the same unworthily, to our own condemnation, and the kindling of thy wrath against us. Enable us to judge ourselves, that we be not judged of the Lord : But repenting truly of our sins past ; having a lively and steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour ; amending our lives ; and being in perfect charity with all men ; may we be found

meet partakers of those Holy Mysteries. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for the sake of our only Mediator and Advocate Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

After the Communion.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou hast vouchsafed to feed us with spiritual food and sustenance, who have this day duly partaken the most comfortable Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. Enable us continually to keep in memory the exceeding great love of our Master and only Saviour Jesus Christ, thus dying for us; and henceforth, submitting ourselves wholly to his holy will and pleasure, may we study to serve him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. *Amen.*

For a Sick Member of the Family.

O FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, we fly unto thee for succour in behalf of thy servant who is now grieved

with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech thee, this thy fatherly correction to him, that the sense of his weakness may add strength to his faith, and seriousness to his repentance. Grant that he may take his sickness patiently, and recover his bodily health, if it be thy gracious will. Consider his contrition, accept his tears, assuage his pain, as shall seem to thee most expedient for him. Give him grace so to take thy visitation, that he may lead the residue of his life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and thus after this painful life ended, he may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Sick Child.

ALMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to thee for succour; we call upon thee for this infant, now lying under thy hand, upon the bed of sickness. Look upon him with the eyes of thy mercy. Visit him, O Lord, with thy salvation. Deliver him in thy good appointed time from bodily pain; raise him up again, if it shall be thy pleasure;

and prolong his days, that he may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in his generation; or else receive him into heavenly habitations, as an inheritor of thine everlasting kingdom; through the merits and satisfaction of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Before a Journey or Voyage.

ALmighty God, who fillest all things with thy presence, and art a God afar off as well as near at hand: Thou who didst send thy angel to bless Jacob in his journey, and didst safely lead the children of Israel through the Red Sea: O Thou who dost send forth ministering Spirits to minister unto them that are heirs of salvation; be pleased to send thine angel before us and guide us on the journey* [passage

* The words in a Parenthesis may be substituted for the word "Journey" or joined to it by the particle "and."

By reading "our journey or passage, &c." instead of "the," and omitting "we now contemplate," this prayer may be useful while travelling by land or water.

It will readily occur to every one, that the use of the pronoun singular instead of plural will render the whole of these prayers equally adapted for Private as for Family Devotion.

over the mighty waters] we now contemplate. Preserve us from dangers of robbers, from violence of enemies, from sudden and sad accidents, from mischances and errors. Prosper our way to all innocent and worthy purposes, and to thy glory : Preserve us from all sin, that we may return to our abode in peace and holiness, with thy favour and thy blessing, to serve thee in thankfulness and obedience all the days of our pilgrimage ; and at last bring us to our heavenly home, there to dwell with thee for ever ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

For Absent Relatives and Friends.

O GOD, merciful and gracious, let thy loving mercy descend on all our near relatives and friends, and on those especially from whose society we are separated by any great distance. Be pleased to give them health of body and of mind, and such a competent portion of temporal good things as may comfort and support them in their

journey towards heaven. Preserve them from all evil accidents ; defend them from open enemies and false friends ; direct their persons and their actions ; sanctify their hearts, words, and purposes ; that we, and they, discharging our whole duty in all our relations as the children of thy family, and sound members of thy Holy Church, may enjoy a comfortable portion of those delights which arise from the fellowship of thy servants on earth, and for ever praise thee together in the general assembly and Church of the first born, among the spirits of just men made perfect. These mercies we ask in the all-prevailing name of Him who on earth called his disciples his friends, and who as the Mediator of the new Covenant intercedes on their behalf for ever. *Amen.*

In a Storm, or any Danger at Sea.

O ETERNAL and most Holy Saviour and Lord, who in the days of thy flesh didst for the comfort of thy faithful disciples rebuke the winds and the sea, and who

being now exalted to the highest heavens, above all principalities and powers, hast encouraged us to come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find help in time of need ; Look down upon us miserable sinners who in this our great distress and danger cry to thee for help. We adore thy divine Majesty ; We acknowledge thy power ; We implore thy mercy. Protect us we beseech thee amidst the dangers which now threaten. Help, Lord, and save us for thy mercies' sake ; that we, being preserved by thy goodness and permitted to make our destined port in safety, may henceforth glorify thy name, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and walking before thee in holiness and righteousness, all our days ; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

A Penitential Prayer of St. Austin.

[From Bishop Jeremy Taylor.]

BEFORE thy eyes, O gracious Lord, we bring our crimes ; before thee we expose

the wounds of our bleeding souls. That which we suffer is but little ; but that which we deserve is intolerable. We fear the punishment of our sins, but cease not pertinaciously to proceed in sinning. Our weakness is sometimes smitten with thy rod, but our iniquity is not changed ; our grieved mind is troubled, but our stiff neck is not bended with the flexures of a holy obedience ; our life spends in vanity and trouble, but amends itself in nothing. When thou smitest us, then we confess our sin ; but when thy visitation is past, then we forget that we have wept. When thou stretchest forth thy hand then we promise to do our duty, but when thou takest off thy hand we perform no promises. If thou strikest we cry to thee to spare us ; but when thou sparest, we again provoke thee to strike us.

Thus, O God, the guilty confess before thee ; and unless thou givest us pardon, it is but just that we perish. But, O Almighty God our Father, grant to us what we ask, even though we deserve it not ; for thou madest us out of nothing, else we had not any power to ask.—Pardon us, O gracious

Father, and take away all our sins, and destroy the work of the devil ; and let the enemy have no part or portion in us ; but acknowledge the work of thine own hand, the price of thine own blood, the sheep of thine own fold, the members of thine own body, the purchase of thine own inheritance ; and make us to be what thou hast commanded : give unto us what thou hast designed for us ; enable us for the work thou hast enjoined us, and bring us to the place which thou hast prepared for us by the blood of the everlasting covenant, and by the pains of the cross, and the glories of thy resurrection, O blessed and most glorious Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus. *Amen.*

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